

SERBS BATTLE WITH BULGARS AS GERMANS MOVE SOUTH

Nish Declares War on Sofia and Grapples With Invaders on Eastern and Northern Frontiers.

**Already 750,000 Troops Are
Opposed to Balkan Nation as
Allies Plan Huge Relief Ex-
pedition.**

PARIS, Oct. 15.—Austrians and Germans are reported desperately engaged with the Serbians south of the frontier town of Semendria today.

Another battle rages between Serbians and Bulgarians on the Serbian eastern frontier. The Serbians accuse the Bulgarians of crossing the border, aiming to take Nish. The Bulgarians accuse Serbia of crossing the border with Sofia as her objective, and that the Bulgarians drove the invaders back into their own territory. The fight, however, is not ended.

Serbia formally notified London that it had declared war on Bulgaria today. Bulgaria is reported to have made a declaration several days ago, but there was no official announcement of it, though Czar Ferdinand issued a statement today saying he had joined the central powers.

DRIVE DEVELOPS.

The Austrians and Germans are advancing southward from Belgrade, where the Serbians are fighting a series of rear guard actions.

The German drive toward Constantinople is developing fearfully. Reliable advices say that Field Marshal von Mackensen has 350,000 German and Austrian troops. It is estimated the Bulgarians have only 90,000 to 100,000 men. Though experts pointed out that a large share of this force will be needed to guard the Greek and Roumanian frontiers—not to fight the Greeks and Roumanians—instead of joining in the drive.

From all the allied capitals come statements indicating that a huge British, French, Italian and Russian force will be sent to oppose the German advance.

Reverse For Russia.

It is admitted that the Russians have suffered a reverse in Galicia, though Austrian and Russian accounts differ concerning its extent. The Germans are not more than holding their own against the Russians in the north-east.

Furious fighting is going on about Lens and, more or less, all along the western front, without material changes in the past few hours.

The French silenced a violent artillery bombardment and repulsed an infantry attack before Létricourt, in Lorraine, the statement said, and directed an effective fire against the German works north of Reillon.

Trench engine fighting was reported in the Vosges near Chapelotte and at the summits of the Linge hills and Barrenkopf.

Heavy cannonading was reported at Hartmannswellerkopf and Fudde.

Mackensen, Gallwicz, and Eichhorn at Belgrade With 350,000 Troops

ROME, Oct. 15.—Field Marshal Mackensen and Generals Galiwicz and Eichhorn arrived at Belgrade on Sunday and took command of 250,000 Germans and Austrians engaged in the drive through Serbia, said a Bucharest dispatch received by the *Corriere della Sera* today.

**French Guns Batter
German Trenches Near
Loos and at Souchez**

PARIS, Oct. 15.—A violent bombardment raged throughout last night before Loos, announced the French official statement today. A fierce artillery fight progressed also northeast of Sochez.

There were hot grenade exchanges in the trenches south of Bousen-Hache.

At Lihon, between the Oise and the Aisne, and all along the Champagne front, the Germans directed an intense cannonade against the French front the

VIENNA (via Berlin and Sayville wireless), Oct. 15.—The Austrians have repulsed all Russian attacks, the war office announced today.

It reported small engagements with the Montenegrins on the Herzegovian-Montenegrin frontier.